

CHAPTER 3(C)  
HEALTH CERTIFICATE

For dogchews intended for dispatch to the European Community

Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

Reference number of this health certificate: .....

Country of destination: .....

(name of the EC Member State)

Exporting country: .....

Responsible Ministry: .....

Certifying department: .....

I. Identification of dogchews

The dogchews were produced from raw material of the following species: .....

Nature of packaging: .....

Number of packages: .....

Net weight: .....

II. Origin of dogchews

Address and registration number of the approved establishment: .....

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III. Destination of dogchews

The dogchews will be sent:

From: .....

(place of loading)

To: .....

(Country and place of destination)

By the following means of transport: .....

Number of seal (if applicable): .....

Name and address of consignor: .....

Name and address of consignee: .....

#### IV. Health attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, declare that I have read and understood Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 and certify that the dogchews described above:

1. have been prepared and stored in a processing plant approved and supervised by the competent authority in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002;
2. have been prepared exclusively with the following animal by-products:
  - (a) parts of slaughtered animals, which were fit for human consumption in accordance with Community legislation, but are not intended for human consumption for commercial reasons,
  - (b) parts of slaughtered animals, which were rejected as unfit for human consumption but are not affected by any signs of diseases communicable to humans or animals and derive from carcasses that were fit for human consumption in accordance with Community legislation,
  - (c) hides and skins originating from animals that were slaughtered in a slaughterhouse, underwent ante-mortem inspection and were fit, as a result of such inspection, for slaughter in accordance with Community legislation,
  - (d) animal by-products derived from the production of products intended for human consumption, including degreased bones and greaves, and
  - (e) fresh by-products from fish from plants manufacturing fish products for human consumption;
3. have been subjected:
  - in the case of dogchews made from hides and skins of ungulates, to a heat treatment sufficient to destroy pathogenic organisms (including salmonella),<sup>1</sup>
  - in the case of dogchews made from animal by-products other than hides and skins of ungulates, to a heat treatment of at least 90 °C throughout their substance;<sup>1</sup>
4. were examined by random sampling of at least five samples from each processed batch taken during or after storage at the processing plant and comply with the following standards<sup>1</sup>:

Salmonella:	absence in 25g, n = 5, c = 0, m = 0, M = 0;
Enterobacteriaceae:	n = 5, c = 2, m = 10, M = 300 in 1 gram;
5. have undergone all precautions to avoid recontamination with pathogenic agents after treatment; and
6. were packed in new packaging.

Done at: ..... on: .....  
(place) (date)

Stamp<sup>2</sup>

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(signature of the official veterinarian)<sup>2</sup>

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(name, qualification and title, in capital letters)

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<sup>1</sup> Where:

n = number of samples to be tested;

m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed m;

M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is M or more; and

c = number of samples the bacterial count of which may be between m and M, the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other samples is m or less.

<sup>2</sup> The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.